

Charles Daly®
The Shooting Sports Specialist™

INSTRUCTION
MANUAL
FOR
1874 SHARPS
RIFLE

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND
WARNINGS IN THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY
BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM

FIREARMS SAFETY

At Charles Daly, we believe that safe firearms handling is the most important consideration of anyone who uses firearms and ammunition. Please take a few minutes to thoroughly read and understand this instruction manual, the NSSF “Firearms Safety Depends on You” pamphlet and the NSSF publication “Firearms Responsibility in the Home,” all included with this rifle.

You should completely understand this manual before you practice loading, unloading and firing with live ammunition.

Remember, firearms safety does depend on you!

Serial No. _____

Date Purchased: _____

Purchased From: _____

THIS MANUAL CONTAINS

1. Important warnings, which should be read and understood before using this firearm. **SAFE GUN HANDLING IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES.** Disregarding warnings in this manual may result in injury or death to you and others and damage to property.
2. Directions and procedures for handling loading, firing and unloading.
3. Instructions for care, cleaning repair and service of this rifle.

This instruction and safety manual is designed to help you in learning how to properly use and care for your Charles Daly rifle. Only when you are certain you have fully familiarized yourself with the function of your firearm should you practice loading, unloading and firing with live rounds of ammunition.

This instruction manual should always accompany this firearm, and be transferred with it upon change of ownership. Should you ever need to replace it, this manual is available **FREE** upon request from Charles Daly.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Charles Daly and K.B.I., Inc., shall not be responsible for product malfunctioning or for physical injury, death or damage to property resulting from either intentional or accidental discharge of this firearm, its criminal or negligent use, improper or careless handling, unauthorized modifications or alteration, use of defective or improper or hand-loaded or (replaced) ammunition, or from its use for purposes or subjection to treatment for which it was not designed. For your safety, use only original high quality commercially manufactured ammunition in good condition that is appropriate to the caliber/gauge of your gun. Charles Daly shall not be responsible for product or its result from use of defective, improper or reloaded ammunition.

WARNING - LEAD EXPOSURE

Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances that may cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash your hands thoroughly after exposure, shooting or cleaning guns may expose you to lead.

WARNING

Prior to removing this gun from its packaging, and prior to loading and firing, carefully and thoroughly read the entire instruction manual which gives advice on the gun's proper handling and functioning. However, your safety and that of others (including your family) depends on your responsible compliance with that advice. If unfamiliar with firearms, seek supervised instruction.

FIREARMS SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

GENERAL SAFETY WARNINGS

1. Careless and improper handling of this gun could result in unintended discharge causing injury, death or property damage. Safety must be the first and constant consideration when handling firearms and ammunition.
2. This rifle was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe. Do not alter any part or add or replace parts.
3. Rifles should only be carried with the chamber empty to prevent accidental discharge.
4. **Always handle and treat your gun as if it were loaded** so you never fire it accidentally when you think it is unloaded. Never take anyone's word it is unloaded. Always check it yourself with your fingers off the trigger and the gun pointed in a safe direction.
5. Never place your finger inside the trigger guard unless you intend to fire.

6. Water, snow, mud, excessive lubricating oil or grease or any other material can obstruct the barrel of your gun. Always check the barrel of your firearm for obstruction before loading and firing. Clean a fouled gun immediately to ensure its correct and safe function.
7. **Keep the gun's muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times.** Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body, another person or at anything you do not intend to shoot. Always be certain of your target before firing.
8. **UNLOAD ALL FIREARMS WHEN NOT IN USE, NEVER STORE A LOADED FIREARM.** Firearms and ammunition should be safely stored separately so that they are inaccessible to children or unauthorized users.
9. Always make sure your gun is not loaded before cleaning, storing, or handing it to another person.
10. Always wear safety glasses while shooting to protect your eyes from injury by gun powder, gas, lubricant, dirt or metallic particles, carbon residue, sparks or other debris.
11. Always wear ear protection when shooting, especially on a range. Without ear protection, the noise from your gun, and other guns close to you, could leave a "ringing" in the ears for some time after firing. Repeated exposure to shooting noise could result in permanent hearing loss.
12. Never climb a tree, fence or wall while carrying a loaded firearm.
13. Don't shoot at hard surfaces or water. A pellet may ricochet and travel in unpredictable directions to strike you or another object you cannot see.
14. Firearms and alcohol don't mix. Never drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or during shooting, as this constitutes criminal disregard for your safety and that of others. Never use a gun while you are taking medication unless you have checked with your doctor to ensure your fitness to handle your gun safely.
15. If you have any doubts about your ability to handle or use this rifle safely, seek supervised instruction.

16. **Horseplay has no place around firearms. Guns can't think - you can!**
17. **Remember, safety is your responsibility, be a safe shooter.**
18. **FOLLOW THE LAW:** Obey all local, state and federal laws regarding storage, shooting and transporting your firearm.

IMPORTANT WARNING

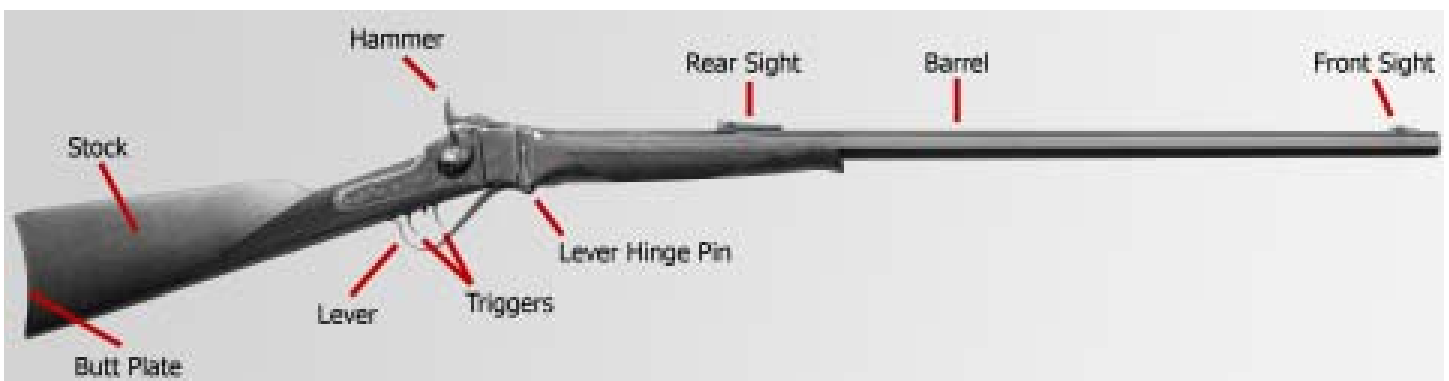
The Charles Daly Sharps is a trustful replica of the 19th century 1874 Sharps rifle. Consequently, the safety devices on it are limited to the technological knowledge of the period. Therefore, the risks of using a gun like this are higher compared to a modern concept gun.

Understanding the function of the Sharps rifle may help to avoid serious injuries due to the lack of safety devices.

Read the entire manual and learn how to use the gun properly and safely without ammunition. You must understand the product that you are using. Your life and the life of people around you may depend on your safety in using this rifle.

If there is anything in the manual that is not clear or not understood, please contact the dealer where you bought the gun or call KBI, Inc. At the end of the manual you will find our address and phone number.

NOMENCLATURE



INITIAL CLEANING

 **WARNING:** Read and understand all instructions and warnings in this manual BEFORE using this rifle. It is important to learn the parts of this rifle and their functions before using this firearm.

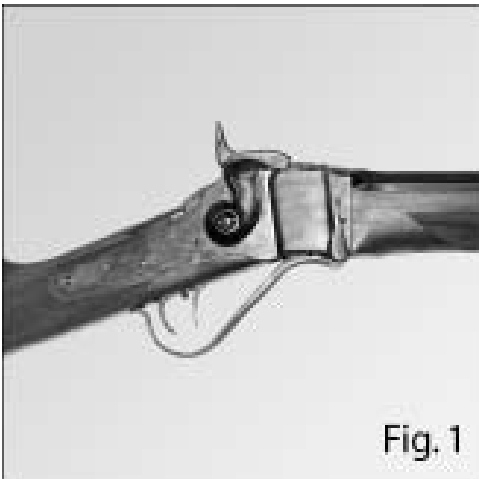
Before handling this rifle or any other firearm, **ALWAYS** make sure the firearm is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction.

Remove all excess factory lubricant from the parts with a quality gun solvent. See the **DISASSEMBLY** section of this manual to breakdown the component parts to obtain the best results in cleaning and lubrication.

Thoroughly clean the barrel bore and make sure to remove all the excess solvent from the bore with clean, dry patches. Repeat running the patches through the bore until they come out clean and dry.

After cleaning with solvent, apply a quality “spray type” gun lubricant to the parts except the barrel bore. If the gun is going to be stored for a long period of time before using, a light coat of lubricant should be left in the barrel. However, before shooting, the cleaning of the barrel bore **MUST** be repeated. **The barrel bore must be clean, dry and free of any obstructions before firing this rifle.**

DISASSEMBLY



 **WARNING:** Always make sure the gun is unloaded with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction before attempting to disassemble any firearm.

With the action in the closed position (Fig. 1), place the hammer in the half-cock position (Fig. 2, next page).

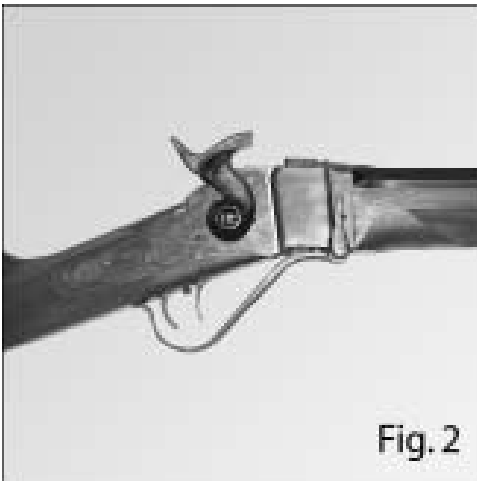


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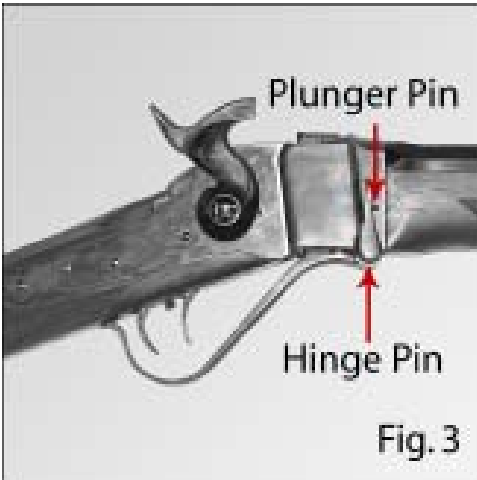


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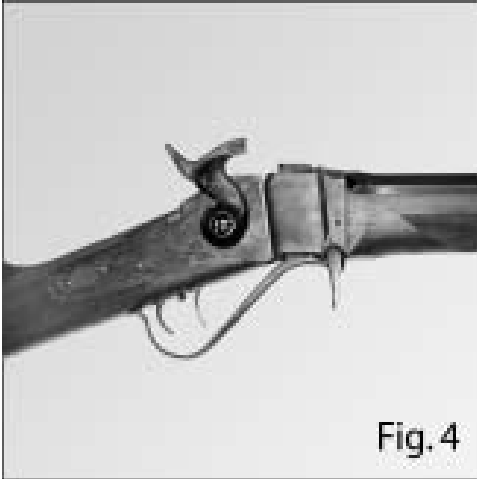


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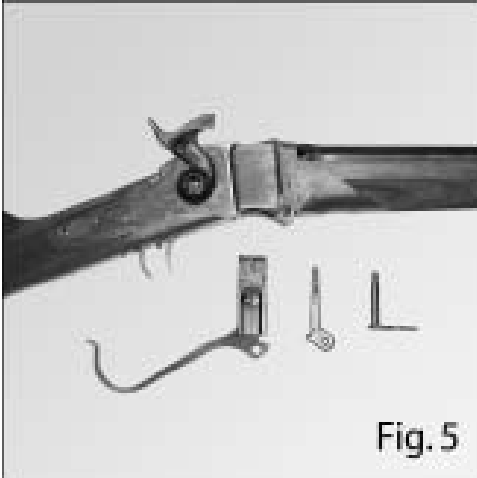


Fig. 5

To position the hammer in the half-cock position, pull the hammer rearward slowly with your thumb while keeping your fingers out of the trigger area until you hear the first audible “click”. Release the hammer and the hammer is in the half-cock position.

Locate the plunger pin and the lever hinge pin on the right side of the frame (Fig. 3). While pushing in on the plunger pin, rotate forward the arm of the lever hinge pin past the plunger pin and approximately 180 degrees from its original position (Fig. 4). Turn the rifle upside down. Remove the lever hinge pin by rotating a few degrees forward and rearward while pulling outward. Once the lever hinge pin has been removed, slide the lever and breech block assembly up and out of the frame (Fig.5).

Disassembly has been completed and further disassembly is not recommended or necessary for regular maintenance. Further disassembly should only be attempted by a competent gunsmith.

To assemble, reverse the above procedure.

SAFETY

 **WARNING:** Practice the procedure of placing the rifle on safe without ammunition in the chamber BEFORE attempting to load and fire the rifle. This firearm's safety is a mechanical device. It can never replace safe gun handling.

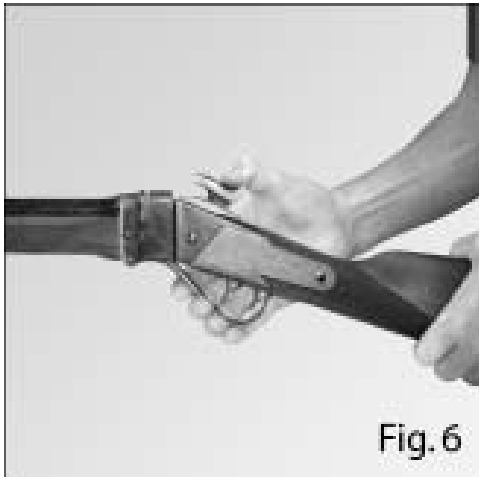


Fig. 6

To place the rifle on safe, slowly pull the hammer rearward with your thumb while keeping your fingers out of the trigger area (Fig. 6) until you hear the first audible “click”. Upon hearing the audible “click”, release the hammer with your thumb and the rifle will be in the half-cock position and on safe (Fig. 7).

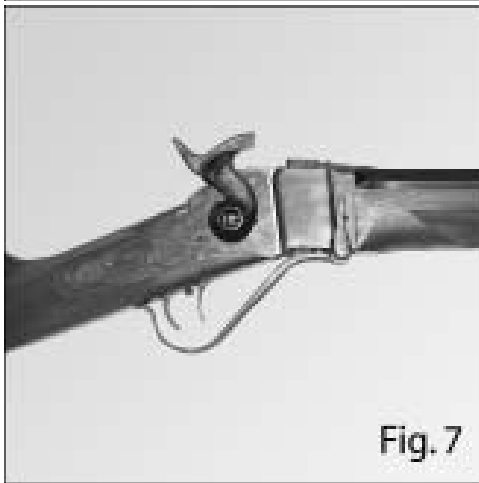


Fig. 7

We strongly recommend not loading the rifle until you are ready to shoot safely at the target range or in the hunting field.

AMMUNITION

 **WARNING:** Failure to use the correct caliber of ammunition for this rifle can result in severe damage to your gun and possible serious injury to yourself and others.

Each Charles Daly rifle is marked with the caliber of ammunition on the barrel. Be certain to use the correct ammunition. We recommend using factory loaded ammunition only.

The use of reloaded or substandard commercially produced ammunition will affect your warranty coverage and could result in severe injury to the shooter or others nearby. See the warranty statements in this manual for any exclusions and limitations of our warranty.

LOADING AND FIRING

 **WARNING:** Read and understand all instructions and warnings in this manual BEFORE using this rifle. Practice the firing procedure without live ammunition, with a snap cap or spent shell case in the chamber until you understand this procedure.

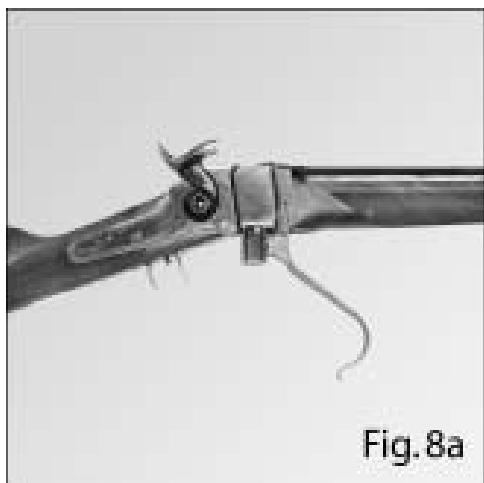


Fig. 8a

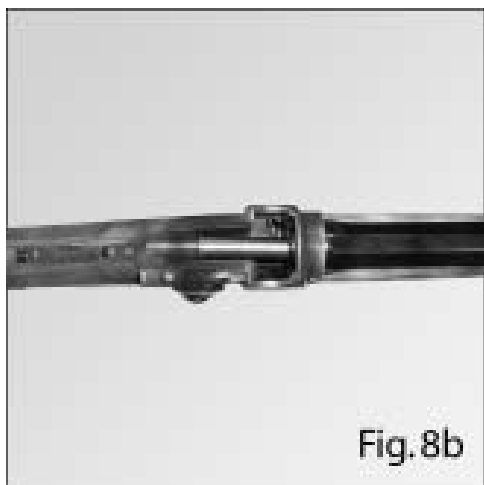


Fig. 8b

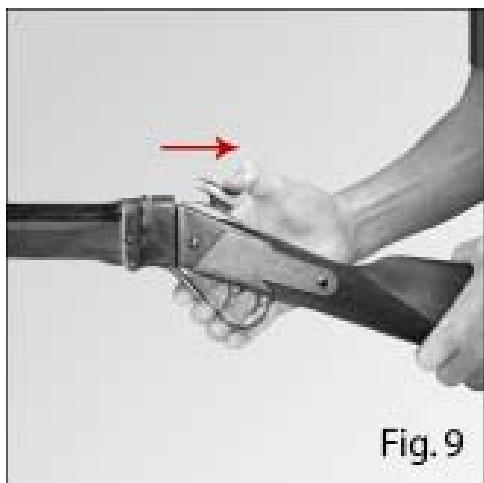
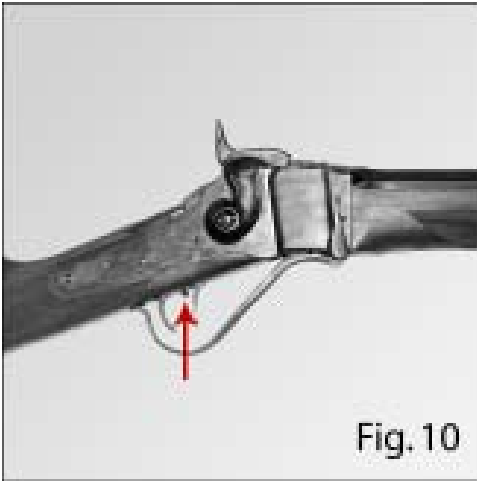


Fig. 9

To load the rifle, first point the rifle downrange in a safe direction. Place the rifle on safe by placing the hammer in the half-cock position. **Make sure you have read, understood, and practiced the safety on procedure in the SAFETY section on this manual.** Next, extend the lever downward, fully opening the breech (Fig. 8a). Carefully insert one cartridge of correct caliber completely into the barrel chamber (Fig. 8b) and close the action. You are now ready to fire the rifle.

With the rifle pointed downrange toward your target, fully cock the hammer while making sure your fingers are out of the trigger area (Fig. 9). Firmly shoulder your rifle, hold the butt plate well against your shoulder to reduce recoil. While pointing at your target, slowly pull the rear trigger rearward until it sets. Take final aim at your target and slowly squeeze the front trigger rearward and your rifle will fire. **Caution: The front trigger requires very little pressure to fire the rifle.**

The trigger pressure on your rifle is adjustable on the set trigger assembly. To adjust, screw the trigger adjusting screw inward or outward



until the desired trigger pressure is obtained (Fig 10). **ALWAYS ADJUST THE SET TRIGGERS WITH AN UNLOADED RIFLE!** Use a snap cap or empty case in the chamber when adjusting, so the firing pin has something to contact when the rifle is fired. If more than 5 shots are required to adjust the triggers, use a different empty case.

UNLOADING

After firing, position the hammer to the on safe (half cock) position. Lower the lever and the spent round will be extracted from the chamber. Pull the spent case out and reload if you intend to fire another shot, always keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

If you have chambered a live round of ammunition and cocked the hammer to the fire position and decide not to fire the shot: **EXTREME CARE** must be taken to put the hammer back in the on safe position. Keep your fingers out of the trigger area and keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Then get a firm grasp of the hammer spur with your thumb and pull slightly rearward, pull the front trigger while keeping control of the hammer and gently and slowly let the hammer drop. Immediately, pull the hammer slowly rearward to the on safe (half cock) position. Once in the on safe position, lower the lever and remove the live round. Practice this procedure without live ammunition until you have mastered this procedure.

SIGHTING

Your Sharps rifle is equipped with an adjustable rear sight and dove tail blade front sight. The rear sight is adjustable for elevation. Windage adjustments should be made with the front sight by moving the sight in the dovetail. With a brass hammer or brass punch, the front sight can

be moved to the right or left, depending which direction your rifle is shooting. Move the front sight in the direction you are shooting from point of aim. If you are shooting to the left, move the front sight to the left; if shooting right move the sight to the right.

CLEANING



WARNING: Be certain your rifle is unloaded **BEFORE** handling this or any firearm. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Wear safety glasses while performing all cleaning procedures.

Follow the DISASSEMBLE instructions in this manual to remove the lever and breech block assembly. Clean the barrel bore with a quality gun solvent using a brass bristle brush and patches appropriate to your rifle's caliber. After cleaning the bore with solvent, continue to run clean dry patches through the bore until the patches come out clean and dry. Apply a light coat of oil to the bore if the gun will be stored for a long period of time. **Remember to remove the oil with patches before shooting. The barrel must always be clean and dry without any obstructions before shooting.**

Clean with solvent all the metal parts and lubricate with a quality gun oil. Reassemble the lever and breech block assembly in the rifle.

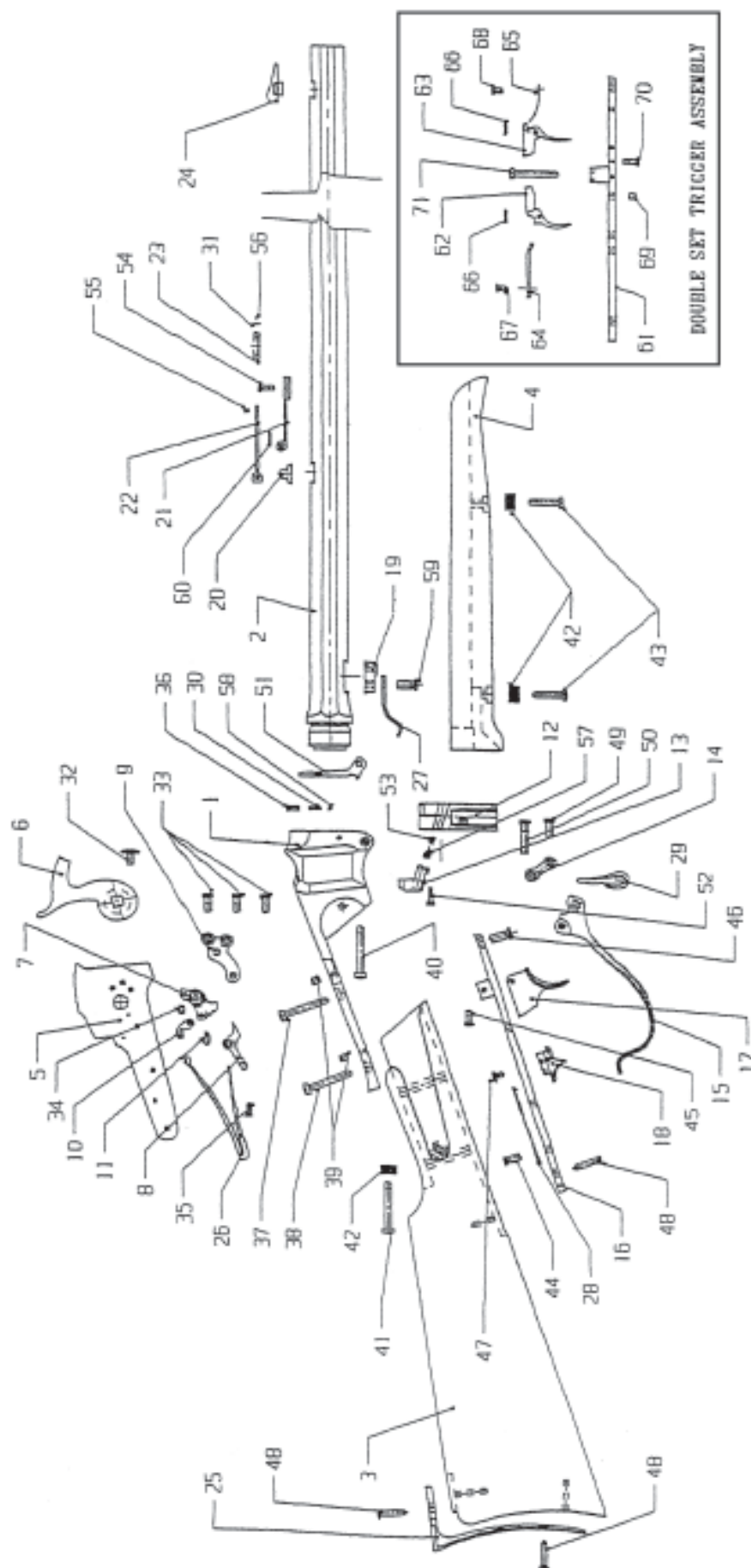
STORAGE

Always unload your firearm and store it and ammunition separately in a locked receptacle out of children's reach and sight, minimizing the risk that the gun and ammunition could be easily available for loading and firing.

USE YOUR RIFLE CAREFULLY AND SAFELY.

NOTES

1874 SHARPS PARTS LIST				
PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO. DESCRIPTION
1	Receiver	25	Butt Plate	49 Link to Lever Screw
2	Barrel	26	Main Spring	50 Link to Breech Block Screw
3	Stock	27	Lever Spring	51 Extractor
4	Forend	28	Trigger Lock Spring	52 Firing Pin Screw
5	Slide Plate	29	Receiver Lever Pin	53 Firing Pin Spring
6	Hammer	30	Lever Pin Plunger Spring	54 Rear Sight Spring Screw
7	Tumbler	31	Rear Sight Slide Spring	55 Rear Sight Slide Retainer Screw
8	Sear	32	Hammer Screw	56 Friction Ball (Rear Sight Slide)
9	Bridle	33	Tumbler Screw	57 Firing Pin
10	Stirrup	34	Stirrup Screw	58 Lever Pin Plunger
11	Fly	35	Main Spring Retainer Screw	59 Lever Action Spring Screw
12	Breech Block	36	Lever Pin Plunger Screw	60 Rear Sight Leaf pin to Rear Sight Spring
13	Firing Pin Pusher	37	Front Tang Screw	61 Double Set Trigger Guard Plate
14	Link	38	Rear Tang Screw	62 Rear Trigger
15	Lever	39	Creedmoore Sight Base Holes	63 Front Trigger
16	Trigger Guard Plate	40	Side Plate Front Screw	64 Rear Trigger Spring
17	Trigger	41	Side Plate Rear Screw	65 Front Trigger Spring
18	Trigger Lock	42	Side Plate Screw Washer	66 Trigger Pins
19	Barrel Lug	43	Forend Screw	67 Rear Trigger Spring Screw
20	Rear Sight Base	44	Trigger Lock Spring Screw	68 Front Trigger Spring Screw
21	Rear Sight Spring	45	Trigger Screw	69 Rear Trigger Regulating Screw
22	Rear Sight Leaf	46	Front Guard Screw	70 Regulating Screw
23	Rear Sight Slide	47	Trigger Lock Screw	71 Front Tang Screw
24	Front Sight	48	Rear Guard Screw/Butt Plate	



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